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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 19, 2005, claims 1-20 are pending. The Office Action states that the claims are directed to patentably distinct species and for that reason an election is required and a restriction for examination purposes is proper.

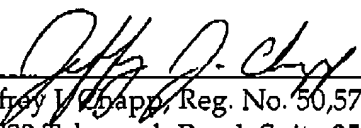
The Office Action groups claims 1-9 into a Species I having claims 1-9, into a Species II having claims 10-18, and into a Species III having claims 19-20. Applicant elects Species I without traverse.

Claims 1-2, 4, and 8-9 are herein amended. Note that claims 1-2, 4, and 8-9 are not herein amended for patentability reasons. Claims 10-20 are herein canceled. Claims 21-28 are newly added and depend from claim 1 of elected Species I.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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